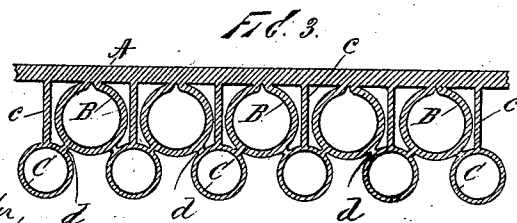
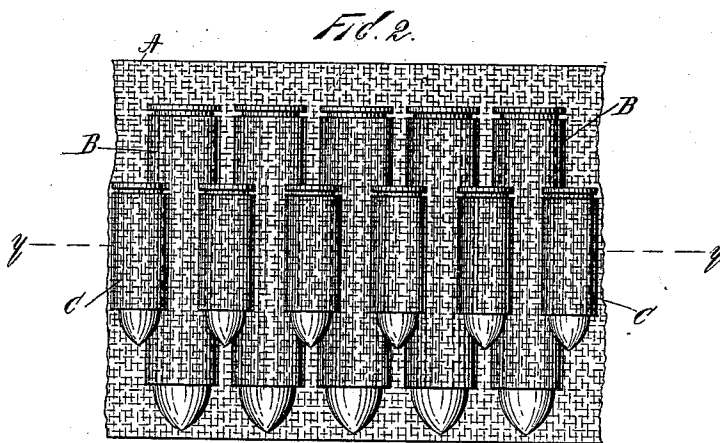
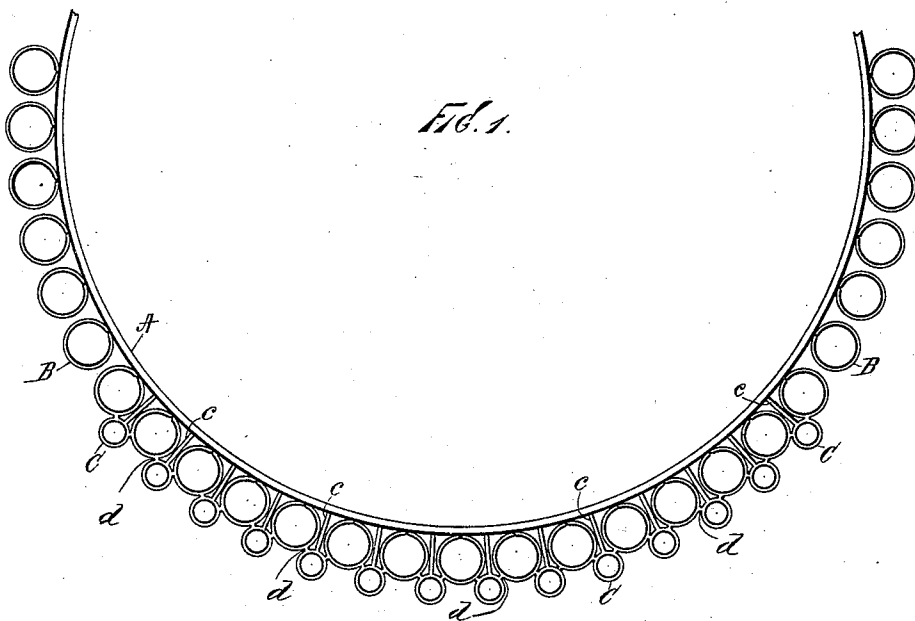


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. BROWN, of the United States Army, a citizen of the United States of America, and residing at San Carlos, Gila county, Arizona Territory, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cartridge-Belts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to cartridge belts in which the loops and body of the belt are woven in one piece.

The belt here presented is intended more particularly for cavalry purposes where two kinds of cartridges are carried, viz.: carbine and pistol cartridges. At the present time the loops of the belt are made to receive only carbine cartridges; those for the revolver being carried in a bag or pouch secured usually at the right side near the buckle. There are many objections to this method of carrying the revolver cartridges. First, the pouch if placed at the right side, is in the way when handling the carbine. If on the left side it interferes with the saber, and in either case is likely to interfere with the trooper when mounting and dismounting. At the trot or gallop the pouch is apt to and often does become opened and the cartridges thrown out. Again, it is inconvenient to open the pouch to obtain the cartridges, more especially if at a trot or gallop, as the trooper must use the bridle hand to hold back the cover of the pouch. Finally the weight of the ammunition is not properly placed either for the trooper or the horse.

To overcome the objection noted I have devised the intermediate shell loops placed between the main loops of the belt, taking advantage of the triangular space between the outside parts of the carbine cartridge loops to bring the pistol cartridges as close as possible to the belt proper without interfering with the carbine cartridges. This is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved belt; Fig. 2, an elevation of a portion of the same, and Fig. 3 a section on line Y—Y Fig. 2.

Referring more particularly to the draw-

ings, the belt A is provided with the usual loops B woven and integral therewith. At the rear and central part of the belt I have placed loops C for the pistol cartridges. These are placed between the loops B and are joined to the main belt by the web, c, which holds them as close to the belt proper as possible without interfering with the cartridges in the loops B. For further security, the loops C are preferably woven to the loops B as indicated at d in the several figures.

As shown in Fig. 2 the pistol cartridge loops are placed in a plane below the plane of the carbine shells, and being intermediary thereto, there is no danger of mistaking one for the other. I place them at the middle at the belt for the reason that the weight is better supported there, and they are out of contact with either carbine or saber. It is of course well known that the pistol ammunition is secondary, and not so many cartridges are required to be carried; usually twenty in the belt is all that is necessary.

It is evident that when the pistol cartridges are located as described, the trooper can reach them readily with one hand, even when the horse is at a gallop, and being lower than the carbine cartridges will not mistake them.

The loops C are woven substantially the same as loops B, the rib c being integral with the belt and loops.

I make no claim to the woven belt or loops B, but

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A cartridge belt provided with interwoven loops B and loops C joined to the belt by ribs c and to the loops B by the web d, the said loops C being intermediary to and below the upper edge of the loops B, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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